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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 116 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/59/647.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 42nd meeting, on 1 April 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/59/SR.42).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee again had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2004;[1]

(b) Note by the Secretariat submitting the report of the Panel on the Strengthening of the International Civil Service (A/59/153);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the findings and recommendations of the Panel on the Strengthening of the International Civil Service (A/59/399).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/59/L.42

4. At its 42nd meeting, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Strengthening of the international civil service" (A/C.5/59/L.42), which was submitted by the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the Chairman, on the basis of informal consultations.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/59/30), vol. II.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Strengthening of the international civil service

The General Assembly decides to consider, as a matter of priority, the question of the strengthening of the international civil service during its sixtieth session.